

State Senator John Fonfara, Co-Chair (Democrat-Hartford/Wethersfield)
State Representative Fontana, Co-Chair (Democrat-North Haven)
Energy and Technology Committee
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Dear Senator Fonfara and Representative Fontana:

As a resident of Hamden and member of Fight the Hike, I ask that you to accept my public statement in endorsing bills #5783, 5815 and 5819. I understand the Energy and Technology Committee, which you co-chair, will take up the issue of regulating United Illuminating and Connecticut Light & Power during public hearings beginning tomorrow. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend. I therefore ask that my following statement be included as part of the official record of these hearings.

The publicly stated intent of state legislators to have rates lowered through competition by de-regulation of the energy companies has clearly failed. The outrageous gauging by United Illuminating and Connecticut Light & Power has and will continue to cause extraordinary harm to the good people of Connecticut by jeopardizing their health and well being. Legislator's vote to de-regulate has forced many citizens to cut back or eliminate essential items and services in order to keep the lights on.

As you know, the elected bodies from New Haven and Hamden have passed similar resolutions that ask our state's elected representatives to abandon de-regulation and return to the responsibility of taking care of their constituents by voting to return to regulating the energy companies. The leadership of other cities are on the verge of doing the same.

It's unfortunate that it has taken citizens to demand that their legislators understand their need for the most human and basic necessities. The blatant actions of too many elected representatives have and will continue to place thousands of people in these harmful conditions. It's as if these elected officials are working for the deep pocketed influential energy companies rather than the people of Connecticut.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Morrissey, Jr.